

2020 National Officer Election FAQs

Q: Does a candidate have to be enrolled in a business class or just have to be a part of BPA and enrolled in school?

A: On page 5 of the candidate handbook it states "The candidate must be currently enrolled, or previously enrolled, in a business career and technical, and/or career related program as approved by the state."

Q: Will a candidate expense report be required this year? If so, what type of costs should be reported. In the past, the campaign rally and business cards were listed, but since neither are being used this year, what items would be listed?

A: Yes. Anything that is used to promote the candidate must be reported on the expense report and be within the \$200 limit.

Q: What virtual procedures are in place if six candidates do not receive a majority vote to be elected?

A: According to P&P, Article XI. Section F: Elections. "In the event of positions remaining open after the first ballot due to an insufficient number of candidates receiving a majority of the votes, a second ballot shall be submitted to the voting delegates. The second ballot shall contain the top candidates at a number determined by the number of open positions remaining on the officer team plus one additional slot. In the second ballot, the voting delegates are not required to cast any specific number of votes. If a majority is not received on the second ballot, the position remains vacant. If a second balloting is required, this will be held during the caucus."

Q: Is it okay if our prior experiences are mentioned within our speech (like being a State President or local Secretary)?

A: Yes.

Q: Due to all the school cancellations and limited ways of communication, are we still required to have a campaign manager?

A: No. Although a Campaign Manager can provide added support to a candidate's campaign, they are not required.

Q: What role does the campaign manager serve with everything being online?

A: The Campaign Manager can provide added support to a candidate's campaign and provide assistance with the social media campaigning period.

Q: Along with the alumni member with you during the caucus, can your campaign manager join you?

A: Yes, absolutely.

Q: Can we have clarification of the dates that are allowed for online campaigning? The dates that were provided show a four day window (Friday, April 24-Tuesday, April 28), but the explanation mentions a "week long campaign event".

A: The dates for online campaigning is five days running from Friday, April 24 through Tuesday, April 28.

Q: How can those who aren't running/voting delegates/campaign managers stay involved with the National Officer process?

A: Members are encouraged to participate in the social media campaign component of the process and interact with the resources and information provided on the National BPA website and platforms.

Q: How will you conduct a primary election if one is needed?

A: In the event that a primary election is needed it will be conducted through Election Runner. Details will be provided to each respective State Association should a primary election be necessary.

Q: Why aren't we giving all students the ability to participate in the primary election as is their right per their bylaws?

A: This is in fact not in the bylaws. Per both the Secondary and Post-secondary bylaws, "A majority vote of the voting members is required for election." Voting members is defined as the voting delegates that each State Association is allocated.

Q: Will Secondary and Post-secondary elections take place on the same days and times?

A: They will be on the same day, however, they will be at different times. Further details will be provided with the Caucus schedule. Keep in mind divisional voting may overlap depending upon voting conditions.

Q: Will the numbers for each State Association still be the same for voting delegates or have the numbers been lowered?

A: The voting delegate allocates that were provided by the National Center will be honored for the electronic voting process.

Q: Will we still have the opportunity to have voting delegate alternates? How will alternates be handled in the event that we need to utilize one if the voting credentials are paired with delegates?

A: Yes. Alternate Voting Delegates are encouraged and is up to the State Advisor to identify. Should there be a need for an Alternate Voting Delegate to replace a Voting Delegate, the State Advisor will have the voting credentials to ensure their voting rights. More information on this will be provided in the Caucus Protocol document that will be shared on Monday, April 27, 2020.

Q: Are Officer Trainings still as planned?

A: Yes. The date range being considered is June 21-July 2. Given the current environment, the National Center is working to secure dates for this meeting but they are dependent upon availability of on-site facilities.

Q: If elected into office, when will we get a timeline with dates of officer meetings?

A: While National Officers are required to meet monthly, the dates and times are dependent upon their individual schedules as well as what works best for the team.

Q: Do we have a set date for the summer meeting or does the officer team get to pick those dates as well?

A: Summer Meeting dates are July 13 – July 20. However, only the National Presidents attend Summer Meeting and are obligated to attend from July 16 – July 20.

Q: If elected, are you required to purchase the airline tickets to attend the National Officer Training like Summer, Winter and Pre-NLC planning meetings?

A: No. The National Center coordinates the National Officer transportation logistics.